GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF INFERIOR QUALITY WATER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways have received several complaints regarding the sale of inferior quality water in the name of mineral water at railway stations;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Railways have formulated any concrete scheme to check the sale of inferior quality water in the name of mineral water; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) : A few complaints of sale of inferior quality of mineral water have been received and suitable action has been taken thereon.

(c) & (d) : With a view to ensure that only good quality packaged drinking water is sold on railway premises and in trains, it has been decided that "Rail Neer" will be manufactured by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) which will set up plants in a phased manner throughout the country. So far, two plants, one at Nangloi (Delhi) and the other at Danapur

(Bihar) have been set up. Wherever "Rail Neer" is not available, zonal railways are free to procure supply from available Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) approved brands of packaged drinking water as notified by BIS. Regular checks / inspections at various levels are conducted, and action is taken if deficiencies / irregularities are noticed.